



A LIBRARY FULL OF BOOKS . . . is the new treat for the students at Perry School as the result of weeks of hard work on the part of the PTA. The library was put into operation last week. Pictured at the first book distribution are, from left, Mrs. Curtis Hirsch, PTA library chairman, and sixth graders, Earlene Brinard, Robert Trevathan and Jonathan Beck with their teacher, Robert Dunbar; and William Forrest, vice principal.

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

North High

The first regular North High PTA Assn. meeting will be Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. The High School Mixed Chorus will furnish the music under the direction of George A. Zavisian and the Student Council will present "Student Council in Action" concerning student government. There will be a social hour following the meeting.

The January meeting of the North High PTA Executive

Board was held at the school, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Mrs. A. B. Cowie, president, called the meeting to order and Mrs. Robt. C. C. magazine chairman, and Mrs. Lloyd Van De Vort, publicity chairman, were ratified. Mrs. Cowie introduced the visitors, Mrs. Paul Herring and Mrs. Lew is La Francois, president, and first vice president of El Nido PTA who presented the newly formed North High PTA with 100 stainless steel spoons.

Mrs. H. J. Sheffield, membership chairman, announced that the membership campaign is underway and the theme this year is "Teamwork Does It."

Mrs. Cowie was elected as delegate to the monthly TEAC meetings with Mrs. E. C. Wellington as alternate. Announcements were made of the Mid-winter Conference, at Newark, Jan. 31, and the Open Council meeting to be at the YWCA, Feb. 15.

Perry

One of the major projects of PTA at Perry School for this year has been the establishing of a library for the pupils.

It had its beginning with a "book night" and association meeting, 1000 books were received.

A number of workshops were held with room representatives, executive board members and faculty members working with the library chairman to sort the books. They were then repaired, catalogued and card identified.

The PTA budget included \$200 for new books. They were chosen from a list prepared by the teachers, principals, librarian and library chairman.

Each grade at Perry will have its own book table. The books will be rotated at intervals to give each child an opportunity to use each book.

The PTA has plans for the future to continue adding books to the library. Mrs. Alta Hirsch is Perry PTA library chairman.

259th Place

The 259th Place School PTA monthly board meeting was held Thursday morning at the school. Mrs. E. G. Jackson's letter of resignation was regretfully accepted by the board. Mrs. E. G. Jackson, who has been room mother chairman since September, will end her duties as of Jan. 27, as she and her family are returning east.

During the business meeting, it was voted to give money to the A-6 class graduating party. Money was also given to the 10th District Art and Music Scholarship funds and the campership fund. It was voted to give some money each month until June to the Normont Terrace School to help with the health program. A committee was chosen to get a gift for the past PTA presidents when they are honored at the February Founder's Day program.

Mrs. Gertrude Nordgren, 2nd grade teacher, said Jan. 27 will be the last day of school for the fall semester. It will be a minimum day. Also the polo shots will be given that day.

It was voted to have the Feb. 16 association meeting at 1 p.m. instead of 2 p.m. as usual. The change in time is for the one meeting only.

Council project for the month is long pencils for Korea. Please bring any pencil you have to the January association meeting tonight. Also bring any old Christmas cards, too.

January association meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 in the school auditorium. An interesting meeting has been planned and all members are urged to attend.

G-W Council

Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA will hold its first 1956 meeting at the Western Club, 15516 So. Western Ave., Gardena, Friday, Jan. 27, Mrs. W. A. Blacker, president, presiding.

In addition to all Council past-presidents being received as honored guests, one Honorary Life Membership has been elected upon a council basis. A Skit on Founders Day will be enacted to honor the founding of the California Parent-Teacher Assn. Luncheon will be served following the business meeting and program; co-hosted by Chapman Ave. PTA and 156th St. PTA.

Carl Steele

Second PTA meeting of Carl Steele School was held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 12. The meeting was opened by Mrs. M. Crockett, president, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by three Cub Scouts. This was followed by a prayer read by Mrs. R. C. Johnson, spiritual leader of the PTA. Mrs. Harbertson's fourth grade class put on an entertaining rhythmic skit on song and dance.

The high spot of the meeting was a most interesting and informative talk given by J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District, concerning the short term loan proposal regarding the building of more schools in the Torrance area.

Parent education meeting was held Jan. 17 in the Carl Steele School Auditorium.

L.-S.P. Council

The second in a series of tours to schools in this area that serve the Exceptional Child is planned on Jan. 24. A visit will be made to the training center for mentally retarded children which is sponsored by the Harbor Area Exceptional Children's Foundation. Those interested are invited to contact their local PTA presidents or Mrs. Glenn Scribner, Exceptional Child's chairman of the Lomita-San Pedro Council.

The training center is located at the Homer Toberman Settlement House, 131 N. Grand, San Pedro. The group will meet there at 10 a.m., and will be conducted through classrooms in session by Mrs. Tim McCormick, principal of the training center. A question and answer period will follow the tour.

Harbor Area Girl Scouts to Stage Cookie-O-Rama

Harbor area Girl Scouts will hold a Cookie-O-Rama in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 26.

The doors are open to the public at 5:30 p.m. with an entrance fee of a purchase of box of cookies per family. Exhibits and movies will be available until 7 p.m. when the program of the evening begins. Master of ceremonies will be Senior Girl Scout Marell Clayton of Troop 1299 in Torrance.

The flag ceremony will be led by the Wilmington Assn. with a massing of the colors and troop flag on the stage.

"Girl Scouts Together" will be sung by the audience with Mrs. Tony Fusch at the piano, with song leaders Diane Fusch, Joyce Schneider, Shirley Powell, and Ellen Ranson, all of Lomita, conducting.

Mrs. William Raines, president of the Los Angeles Council, will give a brief talk on "cookies."

The "Brownie Smile Song" will be next on the program. The Mexican dance "La Rapa" will be rendered by Brownie Troops 631, 532, 267 and 707, of the Central Torrance Assn. A parody on a song hit called "Tons and Tons of Cookies" will be sung by Intermediate Troops 698, 831, and 638. Troops 1299, 1293 and 1006 will do the "Hawaiian Chant," followed by Scout Torrance Assn. relating the Brownie Story.

"A Bicycle Built for Two" will be the endeavor of Troop 758 of the Lomita Harbor City unit. L. 1720 of the same area. The audience will sing the "Hike Song," and Miss Irene Puhlmann, director of Public Relations L.A. Council, will express her views on the Cookie Sale.

"Busy Day," a duplicate of a TV commercial, will be produced by the North Torrance Assn. "Itsy Bitsy Spider" will be sung by Troop 1653 of Lomita;

The Wicks entertained at a pot luck dinner on Jan. 13, at which the group, under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Mosely was divided into Juniors and Seniors.

Selected as junior sponsors were Mrs. Jean Boyles and Mrs. Margaret Sanders.

Girls in this group are Jo Beth Jackson, Gwen Pettysnell, Jannet Ruggle, Susan Hayes, Diana Cato, Dorothy Bull, Beverly Johns, Barbara Campbell, Grace Connet, Connie Connet, Barbara Zuberick, Mona Wilson, and Bonny Barstol.

Others are Jo Beth Jackson, president; Gwen Pettysnell, vice president; Jannet Ruggle, secretary; Susan Hayes, treasurer; and Diana Cato, publicity. Chairmen appointed were: Dorothy Bull, decorations; Beverly Johns, lesson; Barbara Campbell, visiting; Grace Connet, telephone; Connie Connet, decorations; Barbara Zuberick, food; Mona Wilson, dining room and cleanup; and Bonny Barstol, transportation.

REBEKAH POLIO BENEFIT JAN. 25

Torrance Rebekah Lodge, 347 will hold a dessert luncheon and public card party in the Torrance Masonic Temple, 1321 Sartori, Wednesday, Jan. 25. The luncheon will be served at 12:30 and this will be followed by cards.

Canasta, pinocle and other cards will be played with prizes going to high scores. Proceeds will go to the polio fund for the Torrance area. Mrs. Winifred Brase is chairman of the fund.

Hostesses for the party will be Katherine Vash, Retta Nelson, Belva Brase, and Mary Fine.

Walteria

A history of American music from its beginning in colonial slave camps to blaring New Orleans bistros was outlined at the January meeting of the Walteria School PTA.

Using recordings and musical instruments, members of James Hamilton's seventh grade class, renditions that included moaning cowboy songs and brassy Dixieland instrumentals. Eighth grade girls of Albert Nociolo's class gave a fashion show that featured diversified wear made by the students.

An explanation of the work being done by the Torrance Dental Health Assn., was given by Donald Hitchcock. This was in keeping with the meeting's theme, "Teamwork Does It by Promoting Dental Education." The group is planning an old clothes and rag drive for Feb. 7, it was announced. Collection will be from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the school.

Robert Lewis, a sixth grade student, read the inspirational message and the flag salute was led by members of Girl Scout Troop 1161. Mrs. Charles Jackson, president, was in charge. Aiding her was Mrs. W. T. Allen, program chairman.

Strawberry Park of Gardena, Troop 316, will create a skit on camping. A pageant of "World Wide Girl Scouts" will be narrated by South Gardena Assn. The "American Girl Polka" will be performed by Troop 173 of the North Torrance Assn. Campfire building will be demonstrated by Troop 1368 of the North Torrance area.

The San Pedro Assn. will sing three Girl Scout songs.

Mrs. A. Palmer Presides at Y Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Torrance YWCA, presided over by Mrs. A. E. Palmer, was held on Monday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. at 2320 Carson St.

Mrs. Lee Stamps, camp chairman, in her report recommended the appointment of a committee to champion campership or partial campership for local Y-Teens. The success of the Torrance Community Chest was reaffirmed.

The World Fellowship has covered its part of the budget, it was learned from Mrs. Minnie Solomon. Mrs. Thomas Westfall, of membership committee, keynoted the meeting when she asserted her committee was urging a membership drive with the cooperation of all the branch.

Open House, which began Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., was another effort by Mrs. Margaret Wilson, director, to help lagging membership. The recently announced program will be augmented.

A full time Y-Teen director from Racine, Wis., will be available to Torrance in the near future.

The newly purchased coffee carafes were displayed by Mrs. Miles Booth, house chairman.

A request for volunteer help at the bridge lessons which began on Thursday, Jan. 12, was asked by Mrs. L. A. McCoy. Also reporting were Mrs. M. M. Schwab and Miss Pauline Greer.

In attendance but not reporting were Mrs. Victor Benard, Clara Connor, J. K. Clutter, Walter Silence, and P. M. Crossman.



MRS. P. T. UNDERWOOD . . . Serves Son, Steven

Spanish Steak Is a Favorite With P. T. Underwood Family

Good substantial food is a must in list of recipes used by Mrs. P. T. Underwood, 2570 Torrance Blvd., with three husky sons and a husband, forming her critical clientele. One of the favorites with the family is the "Spanish Steak" recipe offered by Mrs. Underwood to HERALD readers today.

Other than filling the role of mother, wife and homemaker, Mrs. Underwood is president of the Fern-Green-Wood PTA and is a member of the Torrance Women's Club. With three sons in the family, Warren, 15; Michael, 13, and Steven, 3, both she and Mr. Underwood have been active in Cub Scouts.

Mr. Underwood is a salesman at a local automobile firm. He is a member of the Elks Lodge at Redondo.

SPANISH STEAK
Salt and pepper Swiss steak, then sear both sides well. Slice an onion on top of meat and pour one can of tomato sauce over meat. Seal lid on roasting pan as meat cooks in own juices. Cook over low heat until done. desired, potatoes can be cooked in the juice, which is made into gravy. Both potatoes and gravy will be desired. It's colorful as well as good.

Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEY, JR.

HE MADE FRIENDS, FIRST
"Lucky," they said, but those of us who know Don Ragon best, knew the word should have been "Compassionate."

Don Ragon was born and reared on a farm in Kansas, knew how calluses came, fully appreciated what it meant to live on corn, mud and a piece of pork side meat. He walked two miles to school, often through blizzards, came home to chores; in addition to his manifold duties he helped his neighbors. He opened an Electric Appliance Store; his banker said, "You'll fall unless you tighten your credit strings." Don shook his head. "I can't," he said. "They're my friends." He took calves, hogs, chickens and eggs in lieu of cash. Those payments stocked his ranch. His business prospered. His greatest wealth was friends and compassion sealed them to him tighter than glue.

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Meadow Park

Executive board of the Meadow Park PTA met recently at the home of Mrs. L. A. Barney. Two letters of resignation were presented to the president, Mrs. W. W. Poser, by Mrs. Harold Turner, second vice president, and Mrs. L. A. Barney, treasurer. Appointments to fill these positions were Mrs. Bill Taylor as vice president and Mrs. Bert Scott, treasurer.

The board also decided to add a parent education chairman and a library chairman to the unit.

Appreciation was also expressed to all state officers, PTA members and mothers who helped secure the signal light at the 230th and Hawthorne intersection.

An appeal was made for den mothers for the Cub Pack which the PTA sponsors. Those interested are asked to contact James Anagnost, Cub scoutmaster.

The PTA will give classroom parties to each room in appreciation for their help in the paper drive.

Meadow Park was represented at the school board meeting by Principal Herbert Farris, President, Mrs. W. W. Poser, and David Ellsworth.

The fifth and sixth grade students had on display their work and experiments in science.

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The Stork Story

Third child for Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Craven of 17303 Wilton Place, is 7 lb. 7 oz. Carol Ann who arrived Dec. 28, at 8:35 a.m. in Torrance Memorial Hospital. At home she joins Brian David 5 and Catherine Elaine 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William T. Wrathall of Canada; Mrs. Jennie Craven of Ohio.

Chip LeRoy is the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Jacobson of 1544 W. 227 St. He weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Clock in at 6:34 p.m. he had a birth weight of 6 lb. 11 oz. Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fay Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Jacobson.

New name in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Atkins of 2160 E. Vista Ave. is Pamela Dawn which is the name of their new baby daughter and first child. She put in an appearance Dec. 28 at 9:41 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Her birth weight was recorded at 5 lb. 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Hodgkins of 2260 Delores St., Wilmington welcomed their first daughter, second child on Dec. 28 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Arriving at 2:39 a.m. she weighed 5 lb. 14 oz. Her five year old brother is Kelly and long been grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hodgkins and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kelly of Albuquerque, N. M.

Sherry Ann 3½, John 2½ and Patricia 14 months are welcoming a baby sister in the wee person of Jo Anne who joined their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tetsak of 1618 W. 220 St., at Torrance Memorial Hospital on Dec. 30. Her arrival was timed at 7:20 a.m. and she balanced the scales at 8 lb. 3 oz. Her great-grandmother is Mrs. Elizabeth Felber and Wisconsin grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luchsinger and Mr. and Mrs. George Teteak.

Debra Ann makes three in the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Schonert of Redondo Beach. She joined her parents, Dec. 29 at 10:20 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Balancing the scales at 8 lb. 18 oz. she is granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shipley of Norco and Mrs. Rubie Schonert of Torrance.

James Anthony brings the count up to five in the small try department at the home of 5105 Laurette St. He put in an appearance Dec. 31 at 9:04 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 6 lb. newcomer is brother to John 7, Danny 5, Kathy 4 and Terry 14 months. Grand-

Halldale PTA Board Gives Luncheon

Twenty-one members of the Halldale PTA board gathered Tuesday, Jan. 17, at a Torrance restaurant for luncheon, to honor vice principal John Ryland, also second vice president of the PTA executive board, who leaves Halldale School at the end of January to assume duties at another school, and Mrs. Ray M. Rhoads, first vice president and program chairman, who is also leaving the community.

President Mrs. David P. Goosby presented Mrs. Rhoads with a lovely corsage as a token of appreciation and John Ryland was also presented with a boutonniere.

Special guest was Principal William T. Walton. The luncheon affair was under Mrs. William H. Dunston's supervision.

Members for the occasion included Mrs. David P. Goosby, E. R. Alvos, E. N. Reese, Robert J. Doran, Judson Bowers, W. L. Harvey, E. E. Salcido, Bill Overstreet, William L. Wilson, A. A. Venable, Ed Hollway, Fred Schimmel, F. E. Dye, Douglas Cowdry, Harlan D. Poulter, Edward M. Clark, John H. Desjaigne, Frank Bowling, Richard Sabey, Wm. H. Dunston, and Wayne H. Vinson, and the two honorees.

The executive board of Halldale PTA will transform the new auditorium into the Hawaiian Islands, Monday, Jan. 23, when they give their "Aloha" luncheon for the school faculty.

The next association meeting is slated for Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m. It will be held in the new auditorium.

With the opening of the new 223rd and Meyler School, on Monday, Jan. 30th, Halldale will decrease from 1400 to about 800 students. Mrs. Dankey is the principal of the 223rd and Meyler St. School.

RAG AND PAPER DRIVE FRIDAY

Nativity Mothers Club will hold a paper, rag and magazine drive on Friday, Jan. 27, at the school. Mrs. Pauline Carlin is chairman of the affair. The gates will be opened at 6 a.m. for the convenience of anyone wishing to deliver rags or papers for the drive. Anyone wishing pickup service is asked to call Mrs. Carlin.

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